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## 1<sup>st</sup> Grade

### An outline of our school year!

#### Religion:

Your child will understand they are part of a family... their immediate family, school family, and the family of God! We will joyfully celebrate Scripture and prayer throughout the major seasons of the Church year. We will have weekly religion lessons that center around the Be My Disciples curriculum. Students will develop habits of discipleship and learn to live as active and committed members of the Catholic Church.

#### Social Emotional:

We at St John XXIII are lucky to have the Character Strong Curriculum: a social emotional program designed to develop character traits, social skills, and self-regulation. With a variety of engaging lessons and tools, your child learns and practices monthly Core Values through Core Goals (Be Kind, Be Strong, and Be Well) which support the successes of the "whole child."

#### Science of Reading:

As a 1<sup>st</sup> grade student, we recognize the importance of developing a strong foundation for reading skills. With our rich curriculums: Heggerty and Foundations, your child will become independent readers through work on print concepts, phonemic awareness, phonics and word study, vocabulary, spelling patterns, handwriting, comprehension, fluency, and more!

### Reading and Writing Workshops:

Your child's literacy adventure is gaining momentum and beginning to soar through our amazing curriculums for reading and writing: Units of Study Readers and Writers Workshop! Following a strategically designed plan, students will engage in lessons surrounding essential reading, writing, speaking, and listening skills and strategies. They will find themselves immersed in wonderful texts: books and stories that tap into their experiences and engaging lessons that build strong readers and writers. Students really begin their independent journey, provided with multiple opportunities to read and write on their own along with scaffolding from small groups and teacher led instruction.

### Math:

Mathematicians in the making is what our Bridges Curriculum provides your child! This engaging curriculum is perfect for the young learner, allowing us to develop mathematical concepts and become proficient with key skills. Bridges is made for all learners with a mix of whole and small group and independent activities. Students love the process of mathematical discussions and reasoning, the vocabulary taught, the rich visuals and hands-on manipulatives/tools the curriculum provides, as well as physical engagement of the workplaces!

### Science/Social Studies:

We have so much fun tapping into our curious minds and learning about the world around us. We subscribe to Scholastic News: an age-appropriate magazine that connects students with current events. Furthermore, your 1<sup>st</sup> grader will love Mystery Science: a hands-on and engaging curriculum allowing students to "think like scientists."